

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 30 with the following paragraph:

Accordingly from a first aspect this invention provides a method for the production of a laminated panel comprising a first glass ply, a second glass ply and a bonding interlayer said laminate having at least one bore passing through the panel which is ~~characterised~~ characterized in that prior to the lamination step a seal is positioned between the plies so as to surround the bore or bores thereby excluding the bonding interlayer from an area surrounding the bore or bores.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 2, line 6 with the following paragraph:

The invention may be ~~practised~~ practiced using more than one embodiment. In a first embodiment the seal is positioned around the bore prior to the lamination step and is removed following that lamination step. This may be achieved using a flexible seal e.g. in the form of a flexible silicone rubber disc which can be pushed out of the bore after the lamination step. The result is a laminate having a void surrounding the bore. A load bearing insert is then inserted into the void for example by injecting a castable resin or other suitable material and allowing it to set to form a load bearing material. In an alternative method for ~~practising~~ practicing this first embodiment the seal comprises a ring of

a suitable material which is placed in position surrounding the bore prior to the lamination process. The seal remains in position during and after the lamination process. The result is a laminate having a void surrounding the bore which void is bounded by the seal. A load bearing insert may be injected into this void as described above.